When we come to work or school, we pass through the “Green Tunnel” where butterflies are interspersed with quotations from the great thinkers.

The “Green Tunnel” is one of the initiatives of CityU’s Hang Seng Environmental Protection (HSEP) programme. In 2008, CityU obtained $2 million in funding from the HSEP Support Fund to organise eco-friendly activities over four years. The fund sponsors the environmental protection programme designed and implemented by individual students or student societies, and encourages the direct application of knowledge gleaned from academic and professional training to promote the awareness of environmental protection on campus and in the wider community.

The HSEP Support Fund is also open to all CityU staff. Anyone with prospective programme activities with demonstrable creativity, feasibility and effectiveness in promoting the cause of environmental protection is eligible to apply.

As a platform to promote the awareness of environmental protection and conservation on campus, Student Development Services (SDS) has established the Green Web for the CityU community to learn more about the issue and [continued on next page]
to share its experience. The Green Web also provides
the CityU community with feasible solutions and green
practices for protecting the environment.

The online forum provides a channel for departments
to share their achievements. For instance, the Facilities
Management Office (FMO) has uploaded their

Some DIY tips and advice on environmental protection
are also available on the website. For instance,
browsers are reminded to donate unwanted books or
CDs to reduce waste. Links to government departments
such as the Environmental
Campaign Committee and non-
governmental organisations
including Friends of The Earth and
World Wide Fund for Nature Hong
Kong are also listed.

SDS has drawn upon the
concerted efforts of many to
promote the green message
across campus and to enrich the
contents of its website. Other
departments, such as the FMO,
have been invited to join hands
to create a campus with an
improved ambience.

The green programme ties in well with the
theme of the 2008 student orientation. The
message is included in publicity materials
provided to new students, including the
orientation welcoming folder, information
leaflet, souvenir and banners. “It is good
that we can instil a sense of environmental
protection into students the moment they join
the CityU family,” said Dr Ruth
Yee Wing-yu, Associate Director
of SDS.

According to Dr Yee, SDS is an
integral part of the eco-triangle
that also encompasses students

and staff. In mid 2008, the Competition for
Design of Eco-tours in Hong Kong was
organised for CityU students. More than
20 teams comprising more than 50
students submitted their entries. CityU
staff and external experts served as
competition judges.

Tours will be organised to the winning
Eco-Tour to Ma Wan. “In late March, CityU
staff members will be invited to experience
the real beauty of nature by joining the eco-
tours guided by the student winners of the
competition,” Dr Yee said.

After the tour, information booklets or CD
ROMs would be produced of
the winning entry. Anyone
from the CityU community
participating in the tour is
welcome to provide their
valuable insights to enrich the
content of the eco-kit, which
will be used as educational
material promoting
environmental protection and
conservation throughout the
University and the Hong Kong community.

For more details of the latest green
activities at CityU, you are encouraged to
browse the Green Web at http://www.
cityu.edu.hk/greenweb.
Persistent enthusiasm in studying and teaching

Serene Chu

Ten years ago, she was a student in CityU’s Department of Physics and Materials Science; this year she returned to CityU for short-term teaching. To CityU, she only has a simple blessing: “I sincerely wish CityU all the best.”

Soon after Dr Janet Wong Siu-shan received her PhD degree from the Imperial College London in August 2008, she received an invitation from Professor Robert Li Kwok-yiu of the Department of Physics and Materials Science to return to the department to serve as a tutor for three months. She was pleased to have the chance to help Professor Li, who was the supervisor of her Master’s degree programme, to revise and improve the course content of the department’s undergraduate programme.

When studying as an undergraduate, Dr Wong felt self-learning was more important than relying on teachers. However, after working as a tutor, she rediscovered the importance of the teacher’s role. “Only through passion for the subject can a teacher inspire students. Just as a good researcher should not hide in a laboratory, a good teacher, too, should not hide behind the office door. Teaching and research are of equal importance.” Although a frontline researcher, Dr Wong had before her desk two papers full of handwritten notes on outcome-based teaching and learning, reflecting her emphasis on teaching.

When discussing enthusiasm in teaching, Dr Wong frequently recalled her mentor Professor Li. When she studied her higher degree with Professor Li, her group was regarded as one of the most hardworking teams in the department. She was deeply impressed by the enthusiasm of CityU’s teachers when she saw the time and effort exerted by Professor Li on perfecting the programme curriculum.

During her three months of teaching, Dr Wong observed that today’s students missed many learning opportunities by not seeking advice from teachers. “Weaker students may still easily find a good job when the economy is booming. However, they need to better equip themselves in today’s gloomy economic environment.” To students with a poor attitude to study, she would ask, “Do you just want to waste three years of your university life like this? As you are now studying in this department, why don’t you try to maximise your gains?”

When asked about the rewards of pursuing a PhD degree at the Imperial College London, she said, “All graduate students thought about research projects every moment of the day – in the morning, during breakfast and afternoon tea time, or even during sleep. Whenever we met, we would discuss our research projects. This frequent exchange and interaction led to more effective solutions to research problems. Such a strong research atmosphere is not necessarily seen on local campuses.”

Dr Wong will soon return to the Imperial College London to take part in further research and teaching, taking with her the experience and achievements of her time spent studying and teaching at CityU.
Heading towards the new 2012 undergraduate curriculum

Eliza Lee

Destined for the new four-year undergraduate curriculum of 2012, the General Education (GE) express has arrived at CityU. Managed by the Office of the Vice-President (Student Affairs) (VPSA) and the Education Development Office (EDO), the conductors are currently busy helping teachers and students prepare to board.

“We found that some students have misunderstandings about GE courses so we adopted some more aggressive measures to promote them,” said Ms Geraldine Mak Ping-ting, General Education Committee Secretary.

Dr Susan Gano-Phillips, Fulbright scholar, suggested holding a GE Fair with students who have previously studied GE courses, to share their experience and explain the course content to help other students understand and select appropriate courses.

“We had no experience of holding a GE Fair and there was less than a month to design and organise it. We encountered many problems during the preparation process and due to the tight schedule many tasks that should have been done in sequence had to be performed simultaneously, for example, booking venues, recruiting and training student representatives, decorating display boards and printing promotional flyers. I am especially grateful to the instructors, student representatives and colleagues of the Facilities Management Office who helped to make this GE Fair a success,” said Ms Mak.

The VPSA and EDO hold a series of workshops and the Strategic Teaching Enhancement Programme (STEP). All these activities will enable colleagues to gear up for the new academic structure by seeking advice from GE experts, including Professor A. Reza Hoshmand, GE Programme Coordinator and Visiting Professor of Economics. “The University will also invite interested and qualified colleagues to attend overseas conferences and then share their experience with other colleagues through presentations,” added Ms Mak.

CityU now offers 12 GE courses under three domains, namely Arts and Humanities, Study of Societies, Social and Business Organisations, and Science and Technology. Ms Mak indicated that proposals for new GE subjects are now under review by external experts. While the number of GE courses is expected to jump to 20 by the next academic year, the long-term goal is to increase it to 40 for the new undergraduate curriculum. With ongoing course enhancement and continuing student enrolments, Ms Mak plans to hold a GE Fair every semester to introduce new subjects and help teachers and students better understand the philosophy of General Education. The next GE express will depart in September. For more details on the itinerary, visit http://www.cityu.edu.hk/ge.
Welcoming the Year of the Ox

Jo Kam

To celebrate the arrival of the Year of the Ox, colleagues of CityU enjoyed a huge New Year staff party organised by the Human Resources Office on 3 February. Let us have a glimpse of the happy moments:

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New Arrivals 到任

Senior Staff 高級職員
School of Creative Media 創意媒體學院
- Fu, Hong-bo, 孫紅波, Assistant Professor, PhD, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
School of Law 法律學院
- Wan, Steven, K., 萬琳, Assistant Professor, JSD, University of Pennsylvania, US
Department of Asian and International Studies 亞洲及國際學系
- Thomas, Nicholas David, Associate Professor, PhD, University of Tasmania, Australia

Department of Economics and Finance 經濟及金融系
- Lin, Chen, 林晨, Assistant Professor, PhD, University of Florida, US

Department of Electronic Engineering 電子工程學系
- Zukerman, Moshe, Chair Professor, PhD, University of California, LA, US

Department of Management 管理學系
- Wong, Yir-yee, 王穎儀, Instructor I, MPhil, City University of Hong Kong

Department of Management Sciences 管理科學系
- Lim, Andrew, Leong-chye, 林良才, Professor and Head, PhD, University of Minnesota, US

Department of Public and Social Administration 公共及社會行政系
- Rosenbloom, David Harry, Chair Professor, PhD, University of Chicago, US

English Language Centre 英語中心
- Huckstep, Nigel John, Instructor I, PhD, University of East Anglia, UK

Facilities Management Office 物業及設施管理處
- Yuen, Siu-ling, 源少玲, Facilities Manager, PhD, University of Hong Kong

Run Run Shaw Library 邵逸夫圖書館
- Hsiao, Irene, Chiyan, 喬佳芸, Assistant Librarian I, PhD, University of Chicago, US

General Staff 其他職級
College of Science and Engineering 科學及工程學院
- Hung, Fiana, 孔瑞琪, Executive Officer I, PhD, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

Department of Building and Construction 建築系
- Chau, Or-lun, 周偉倫, Senior Artisan
- Chow, Sai-fu, 周世富, Senior Artisan

Department of Computer Science 電腦科學系
- Leung, Vicker, 黎啟源, Programmer I

Department of English 英文系
- Wong, Pui-shan, 黃美芙, Clerical Officer II

School of Continuing and Professional Education 專業進修學院
- Houw, Or-nni, 侯安妮, Clerical Officer II
- Chan, Kit-yi, 陳家宜, Clerical Assistant
- Cheung, Christy, 梁華儀, Clerical Assistant
- Lee, Man-ting, 李敏婷, Clerical Assistant
- Tang, Ho-yin, 梁健威, Clerical Assistant
- Lam, Hiu-tung, 林曉彤, Technical Support Assistant
- Lam, Yik-hong, 林奕康, Technical Support Assistant

English Language Centre 英語中心
- Chan, Winky, Kam-han, 陳韋儀, Clerical Officer II
- Leung, Marcus, 梁遠先, Technician

Southeast Asia Research Centre 東南亞研究中心
- Wong, Mandy, Wai-man, 顯惠敏, Executive Officer II

Career and Internship Office 學生就業及實習策劃處
- Chan, Stella, Wing-sze, 陳詠詩, Clerical Officer II

Finance Office 財務處
- Chan, Carol, Kar-kit, 陳紹傑, Assistant Finance Manager
- Leung Hung-yuk, 梁紅玉, Clerical Officer II

Human Resources Office 人力資源處
- Wong, Ho-ka, 黃可嘉, Clerical Officer II

Transfers/Promotions 調升及其他
College of Science and Engineering 科學及工程學院
- Shan, Phoebe, Kuk-kuen, 沈淑儀, Clerical Officer II to Clerical Officer I

Department of Applied Social Studies 應用社會科學系
- Hung, Pui-ki, 洪健琪, Executive Officer I [QEC] to Executive Officer I

Department of Biology and Chemistry 生物及化學系
- Wong, Ella, Mei-mui, 王美梅, Clerical Officer II [SCOPE] to Clerical Officer II

Department of Chinese, Translation and Linguistics 中文、翻譯及語言學系
- Chow, Shuen, 周錦, Technician to Technical Officer
- Lam, Kam-cheung, 林錦強, Technician to Technical Officer
- So, Pak-kwai, 高家輝, Technician to Technical Officer

Chow Yei Ching School of Graduate Studies 周亦卿研究生院
- Siu, Amy, Mei-yan, 會美欣, Clerical Officer II [RCMS] to Clerical Officer II

School of Continuing and Professional Education 專業進修學院
- Lai, Dicky, Dick-kay, 黎啟源, Clerical Officer II to Programme Support Supervisor

Alumni Relations Office 校友聯絡處
- Chan, Kathy, Yin-ting, 陳英婷, Director [DAO] to Associate Vice-President (Alumni Relations)
- Chan, Alice, Yuen-ching, 陳苑宜, Senior Alumni Relations Officer [DAO] to Alumni Relations Manager

Tsang, Phony, Yee-ping, 陳碧萍, Alumni Relations Officer [DAO] to Alumni Relations Manager
- Lee, Eleanor, Ka-yee, 李嘉怡, Executive Officer I [DAO] to Alumni Relations Officer I

Chau, Fiona, Lai-ki, 陳麗琪, Executive Officer II [DAO] to Alumni Relations Officer II
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Ng, Celia, Chu-iwan, 吳翠應, Clerical Officer I [DAO] to Clerical Officer I
- Tang, Bonnie, Lai-iwan, 鄧麗麗, Clerical Officer I [DAO] to Clerical Officer I
- Chung, Man-hong, 鍾文頤, Clerical Officer II [DAO] to Clerical Officer II

Development Office 發展處
- Cheung, May, Yuk-ying, 張美玉, Senior Development Officer [DAO] to Development Manager

- Tang, Delcie, Yue-pow, 鄧月寶, Senior Development Officer [DAO] to Development Manager

- Fung, Julia, Chui-ming, 馮翠明, Development Officer I [DAO] to Development Officer I

- Chau, Man-kit, 周敬誠, Development Officer II [DAO] to Development Officer II

- Ng, Tracy, Chiu-shan, 吳佩珊, Development Officer II [DAO] to Development Officer II

- Chung, Pinky, Chun-ping, 陳靖萍, Clerical Officer I [DAO] to Clerical Officer I

- Wong, Terry, Yue-sha, 黃妙華, Clerical Officer I [DAO] to Clerical Officer I

- Tam, Ivy, Kung-yee, 唐家茵, Clerical Officer II [DAO] to Clerical Officer II

Facilities Management Office 物業及設施管理處
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- Fung, Sin-man, 冯善能, Associate Director [CPO] to Associate Director

- Au, Chun-kou, 文展豪, Manager (Projects) [CPO] to Facilities Manager

- Cheng, Ka-choeng, 程家強, Manager (Projects) [CPO] to Facilities Manager

- Lau, Kenneth, Kwock-on, 劉國安, Associate Manager [CPO] to Associate Manager

- Man, Chin-ho, 文展豪, Associate Manager [CPO] to Associate Manager

- Wong, Leo, Kwok-leung, 劉國梁, Associate Manager [CPO] to Associate Manager

- Chan, Michelle, Warrman, 陳慧敏, Assistant Manager (Projects) [CPO] to Assistant Facilities Manager

- Wu, Priscilla, Shu-zi, 吳詩芝, Assistant Manager (Projects) [CPO] to Assistant Facilities Manager

- Chien, Pauline, 梁文君, Executive Officer II [CPO] to Executive Officer II

- Wong, Mei-fu, 黃美芙, Executive Officer II [CPO] to Executive Officer II